

CLAIMS:

1. A device (10) for reproducing content (18) onto a medium (14) comprising at least one processor (22) which is configured to read a first code or a first set of codes (16) embedded in said medium (14), to read a second code or a second set of codes embedded in said device (10), and to read a third code or a third set of codes embedded in said content (18); to compare said first code (16), said second code, and said third code; and to allow recordation of said content (18) onto said medium (14) when at least said first code (16), said second code, and said third code are substantially identical.
2. The device (10) of claim 1, wherein said processor (22) is configured to allow said recordation of said content (18) onto said medium (14) when at least there is a matched code among codes includes in said first set of codes (16), said second set of codes, and said third set of code.
3. The device (10) of claim 1, wherein said first code (16) includes regions said medium (14) is useable for recording said content (18), said second code includes regions said device (10) is useable for said recording of said content (18), and said third code is indicative of a region of broadcast of said content (18).
4. The device (10) of claim 1, wherein said first code (16) further includes a first time zone or a first set of time zones related to where said medium is useable, said second code further includes a second time zone or a second set of time zones related to where said device (10) is useable, and said third code further includes a third time zone of broadcast origin of said content (18), said processor (22) being further configured to allow said recordation when at least said first time zone, said second time zone and said third time zone are substantially identical.
5. The device (10) of claim 4, wherein said processor (22) is further configured to allow said recordation when at least there is a matched time zone among time zones

includes in said first set of time zones, said second set of time zones, and said third time zone.

6. The device (10) of claim 4, wherein said second time zone is obtained from a timing module (24) of said device (10).

7. The device (10) of claim 1, wherein said second code further includes a current time, and said third code further includes a broadcast time of said content, said processor (22) being further configured to prevent said recordation when a difference between said current time and said broadcast time is greater than a threshold value.

8. The device (10) of claim 7, wherein said current time is obtained from a timing module (24) of said device (10).

9. The device (10) of claim 1, wherein said processor (22) is further configured to allow said recordation when a difference between time of broadcast included in said content (18) and a current time provided by a timing module (24) of said device (10) is less than a threshold value.

10. The device (10) of claim 1, further comprising an encoder (26) which is configured to encode said content (10) using at least one key to form an encoded content for recording onto said medium (14), said at least one key being imbedded in said medium (14).

11. A method for recording content (18) onto a medium (14) by a recording device (10) comprising:

reading a first code or a first set of codes (16) embedded in said medium (14);

reading a second code or a second set of codes embedded in said recording device (10);

reading a third code or a third set of codes embedded in said content (18);

comparing said first code (16), said second code and said third code; and

allowing recordation of said content (18) onto said medium (14) when at least said first code, said second code said third code are substantially identical.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein said allowing act allows said recordation when at least there is a matched code among codes includes in said first set of codes (16), said second set of codes, and said third set of codes.

5 13. The method of claim 11, wherein said first code includes regions said medium (14) is useable for recording said content (18), said second code includes regions said recording device (10) is useable for said recording of said content (18), and said third code is indicative of a region of broadcast of said content (18).

10 14. The method of claim 11, wherein said first code (16) further includes a first time zone or a first set of time zones related to where said medium (14) is useable, said second code further includes a second time zone or a second set of time zones related to where said device (10) is useable, and said third code further includes a third time zone of broadcast origin of said content (18), wherein said allowing act allows said recordation when
15 at least said first time zone, said second time zone and said third time zone are substantially identical.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein said allowing act allows said recordation when at least there is a matched time zone among time zones includes in said first set of time
20 zones, said second set of time zones, and said third time zone.

16. The method of claim 11, wherein said second code further includes a current time obtained from a timing module (24) of said device (10), and said third code further includes a broadcast time of said content (18), said method further comprising preventing
25 said recordation when a difference between said current time and said broadcast time is greater than a threshold value.

17. The method of claim 11, further comprising preventing said recordation when a difference between time of broadcast included in said content (18) and a current time
30 provided from said recording device (10) is less than a threshold value.

18. The method of claim 11, further comprising:
embedding said first code or said first set of codes in said medium (14);

embedding said second code or said second set of codes in said recording device (10); and

embedding a third code in said content (18).

- 5 19. The method of claim 11, further comprising:
encrypting said content (18) using keys (28) embedded in said medium (14) to
form an encrypted content (30); and
recording said encrypted content (30) onto said medium (14) when said
recording is allowed.

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20. A medium (14) having a medium code (16) embedded therein in user non-accessible areas, said medium (14) being configured for recordation of content (18) thereon by a device (10) that allows recordation of said content (18) onto said medium (14) when said medium code (16) matches a device code imbedded in said device (10) and a content code
15 imbedded in said content (18).

21. The medium (14) of claim 20, further comprising at least one key (28) for use by said device (10) for encrypting said content (18) to form an encoded content (30) for recording onto said medium (14).

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22. The medium (14) of claim 20, wherein said medium code (16) includes regions said medium (14) is useable for recording said content (18) and said device code includes regions said recording device (10) is useable for said recording of said content (18).

- 25 23. The medium (14) of claim 20, wherein said medium code (16) further includes a first time zone or a first set of time zones related to where said medium (14) is useable, said device code further includes a second time zone or a second set of time zones related to where said device (10) is useable, and said content code further includes a third time zone of broadcast origin of said content (18), said device (10) being configured to allow said
30 recordation when at least said first time zone, said second time zones and said third time zone are substantially identical.

24. The medium (14) of claim 23, wherein said device (10) is further configured to allow said recordation when at least there is a matched time zone among time zones

includes in said first set of time zones, said second set of time zones, and said third time zone.

25. A signal embodied in a carrier wave comprising:
5 content (18) for recording by a device (10) on a medium (14); and
a content code indicative of an origin said signal;
wherein said signal is allowed to be recorded by said device (10) when said
content code is substantially identical to a medium code (16) imbedded in said medium (14)
and a device code imbedded in said device (10).

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26. The signal of claim 25, wherein said content code includes a first time zone of
broadcast origin of said content (18), said signal being allowed to be recorded by said device
(10) when a second time zone included is said medium (14) and related to where said
medium (14) is useable, and a third time zone included is said device (10) and related to
15 where said device (10) is useable are substantially identical to said first time zone.

27. A device for playback (10) of recorded content (18) including at least one
recorded descriptor, the device (10) comprising a processor (22) which is configured to read
said recorded descriptor and to read a device descriptor embedded in said device (10); to
20 compare said recorded descriptor and said device descriptor; and to allow said playback of
said recorded content (18) when at least said recorded descriptor and said device descriptor
are substantially identical.